



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
WASHINGTON, DC 20410-3000

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JUL 15 2013

Mr. Michael Morisy
MuckRock News
Department MR 5241
PO Box 55819
Boston, MA 02205-5819

RE: Freedom of Information Act Request
FOIA Control No.: 13-FI-HQ-01474

Dear Mr. Morisy:

This letter is in reference to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated May 6, 2013. You asked for a copy of all written response letters from the Department of Housing and Urban Development to Congressional committees from January 1, 2008, to the present.

Pursuant to HUD's FOIA regulations, the Department will furnish documents without charge or at a reduced rate if disclosure of the information is in the public interest, because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the Federal Government and is not primarily in the commercial interest of the requester. Please be advised that your request for a fee waiver does not sufficiently meet all of the criteria under the FOIA and the applicable regulations 24 CFR 15.110(h). Therefore, your request for a fee waiver is denied.

While the Department seeks to waive fees where appropriate, HUD is also obligated to safeguard the public treasury by refusing to grant waivers except as provided by the FOIA. As the proper focus must be on the benefit to be derived by the general public, any personal benefit by the requester, or the requester's particular financial situation, are not factors entitling the requester to a fee waiver.

You may appeal this determination within 30 days from the date of this letter. If you decide to appeal, your appeal should include copies of your original request and this response, as well as a discussion of the reasons supporting the appeal. The envelope should be plainly marked to indicate that it contains a FOIA appeal and be addressed to:

U.S. Department of Housing
and Urban Development
Attention: FOIA Appeals
Office of Ethics and Personnel Law
451 7th Street, SW, Room 2130
Washington, DC 20410

Telephone: (202) 708-3815

For your information, your FOIA request, including your identity and any information made available, is releasable to the public under subsequent FOIA requests. In responding to these requests, the Department does not release personal information, such as home address, telephone, or social security number, all of which are protected from disclosure under FOIA Exemption 6.

Thank you for your interest in the Department's programs and policies.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Deborah R. Snowden". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'D' and 'S'.

Deborah R. Snowden
Chief, FOIA Branch

Enclosure



Invoice

U.S. Department of Housing & Urban
Development
Freedom of Information Act Office
451 7th Street, SW, Room 10139
Washington, DC 20310-3000

Report Date : 07/12/2013

Time : 1:41:23 PM

Requester Details

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Requester Invoice

Request No : 13-FI-HQ-01474
Invoice No : 00000001401
Invoice Date : 07/12/2013
Requester Name : Morisy, Michael
Requester Organization : MuckRock

Fee Items

PROFESSIONAL HOURS

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Request Description

Requesting a copy of all responses sent to Congressional committees from January 1, 2008 to the present.

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U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development